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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the West, but unchanged in the Central and Eastern region when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment improved but was still mostly steady. Whole product was short to balanced for early week business. However, retail demand was in a full range of light to good. Food service was slow to good, best into fast food outlets and for catering businesses. Supplies were limited, but usually sufficient to well cleared. Planned processing schedules for current week will be part time due in part to Monday and Tuesday down time. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Wings and most dark meat items were well cleared to short, breast items were sufficient to close. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 25-DEC-2006 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:	:	63.05	33
Chicago	61.00-64.00	63.74	36 :	65.35	60
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	:	66.63	18
Denver	76.50	76.50	11 :	77.54	12
Detroit	63.00-65.00	64.27	11 :	66.66	45
Los Angeles	77.00	75.80	54 :	71.29	141
New York	63.00-66.00	64.96	23 :	62.93	53
Philadelphia	62.50-64.00	63.27	11 :	63.54	23
Pittsburgh	62.00-65.00	63.92	12 :	67.77	57
St. Louis	63.50-63.75	63.12	20 :	62.81	34
San Francisco	77.50	76.93	30 :	78.13	60

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	12/25/06	Change Last Wk	12/18/06	12/26/05
536	67.63	1.24	66.39	62.33

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	67.00-69.00	68.17	38
Central	64.00-70.00	67.19	61
Western	70.00-74.00	72.14	34
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	69.00-71.00	69.71	86

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
932	61.00-71.98	69.11

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	162.00	1,150
BREASTS - B/S	134.00	4,785
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00	1,173
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.00	933
LEG QUARTERS	32.50	7,510
WINGS	107.50	2,251

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair following the holiday the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, wings and most leg items were in good balance to well cleared. The balance of items were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Majority prices were higher in the West, but generally unchanged in other regions when compared to a week earlier. Retail demand for early week business was seasonally active following the holiday weekend. Food service movement was irregular, although best movement was into carry outs and fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient, but well cleared. In the parts structure, interest was moderately active for the available offerings. B/S breast items increased slightly, but most items were in close balance to occasionally short and often held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were up 1 cent throughout the region. Trade sentiments were fully steady to firm with regular commitments trading at higher price and new negotiations at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were in fair balance with needs. Retailer demand was moderate to good best to cover planned feature activities. Dealers reported generally moderate weekend carryovers, with some late deliveries noted where inclement weather conditions were a factor. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up 1.07 to 71.35, and the volume reported was up 4 percent to 26 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices held steady in Chicago and Detroit and slightly higher in St. Louis from last Monday's final prices; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offers were limited for light trade interest. Retail demand was light. Food service trade was light to moderate, fast food providing best clearance. Floor stocks adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade inquiry was most active on wings and leg items. Supplies of all parts were limited and held with confidence. The market tone was fully steady to firm on parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and spotty, but sufficient in keeping most early morning offerings in manageable balance. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 74 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, wings and leg quarters, instances whole legs were noted as well cleared. Other cuts were in good balance to fully adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	57-78
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest remained seasonally light to moderate as dealers were selective as they assess market conditions following the extended holiday weekend. Offerings of wings and tenders were in good balance to well cleared and where available held with confidence. Other items were adequate to at least adequate for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings and tenders. The balance of items were generally steady to at least steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	CURRENT	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	124.74		408,550
TENDERLOINS	115-120	114.44		75,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	75.08		60,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	72.56		81,000
LEGS	46-47	46.85		144,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	34.65		462,360
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	43.70		65,310
THIGHS	37-38	45.80		61,280
B/S THIGHS	98-99	82.35		86,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	102-103	105.50		173,710
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.78		19,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	31.71		17,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	52.67		17,160

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,232	109.00-130.00	114-124	122.08
TENDERLOINS	319	97.00-151.00	-	121.64
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	2,094	27.00-32.00	30-32	30.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,474	29.00-35.00	32	32.33
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,742	34.00-37.00	37	36.85

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	12/26	12/22	12/22	12/19	12/15
Alabama	2,676	3,982	5.23	3,959	5.34
Arkansas	4,085	4,346	5.08	5,187	5.06
Delmarva	2,347	2,225	5.76	2,259	5.55
KY-LA-TN	2,003	2,317	4.87	2,346	4.77
Mississippi	2,036	2,244	5.78	2,899	5.52
North Carolina	2,486	2,812	6.85	2,248	6.89
Texas	2,520	2,499	5.30	2,515	5.28
Total	18,153	20,425	5.51	21,413	5.45
Mon-Tue	18,153(A)			43,095(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Dec 2006 is estimated to be 27,159,000 down 15.48 percent from a week ago and down 17.1 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,132,000 last year 32,745,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	315	115.00-188.00	-	132.87
TENDERLOINS	168	112.00-177.00	-	116.29
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	960	28.00-33.00	32	30.71
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	845	31.00-36.00	33-34	33.16
WINGS (WHOLE)	325	90.00-107.00	95-98	98.71
WINGS (CUT)	285	110.00-125.00	115-118	117.47
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR DECEMBER 26, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
44.50 - 48.00	46.36

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 25-DEC-2006 TO 29-DEC-2006, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	108.00 - 132.00	117.00 - 124.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	66.00 - 90.00	69.00 - 80.00
LEGS	34.00 - 50.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 35.00	31.00 - 33.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	32.00 - 37.00	34.00 - 35.00
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 39.00	-
THIGHS	37.00 - 47.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	101.00 - 114.00	106.00 - 109.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	36.00 - 55.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	82.25-100.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85.75-102.75

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-74

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

#### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	110-114
ICE PACK	93-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111-118
ICE PACK	98
HENS OVER 5#	100-107
ICE PACK	86-100
DUCKS	190-195

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 22, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	16.00-17.00	361,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.89		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.25-21.00	12.00-16.00	2,104,000	1,224,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.91	13.98		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

\*INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 22, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-18.00	14.75-17.00	533,550	486,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.33	16.68		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-19.50	13.00-16.00	936,400	108,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.39	14.42		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.50	163,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.50		

\*INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was seasonally light to fair for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to mostly light due to the holiday. Sales of finished product moderate. The undertone was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-DEC-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7		4.55
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-DEC-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7.5		4.83

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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